

FIG. 1

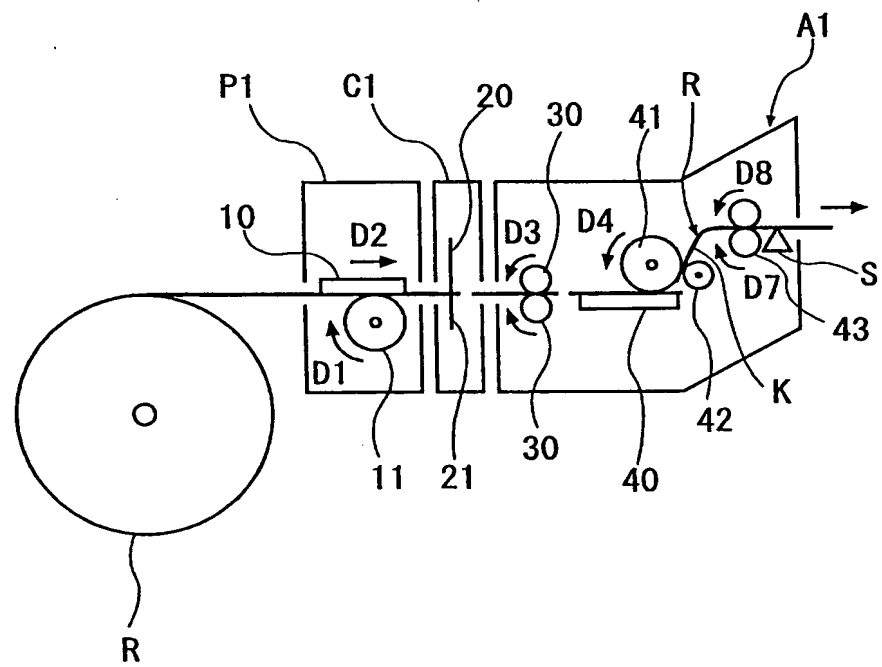


FIG. 2A

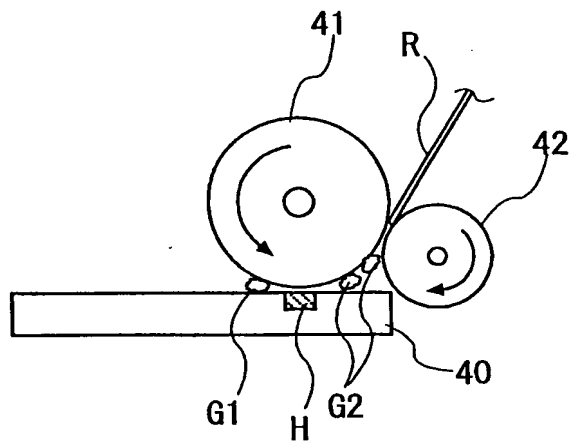


FIG. 2B

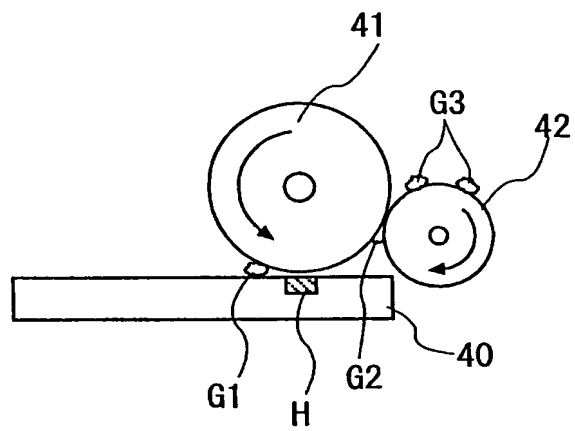


FIG. 2C

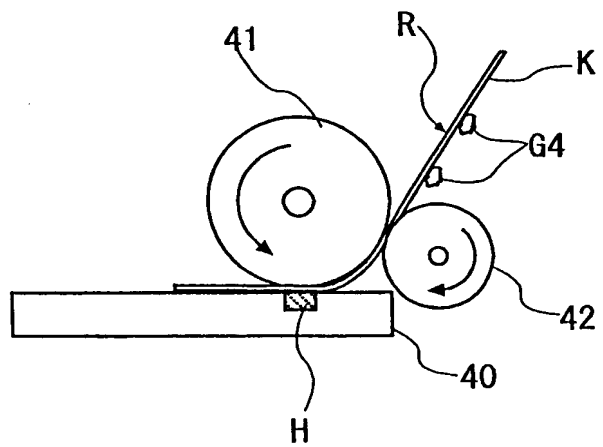


FIG. 3A

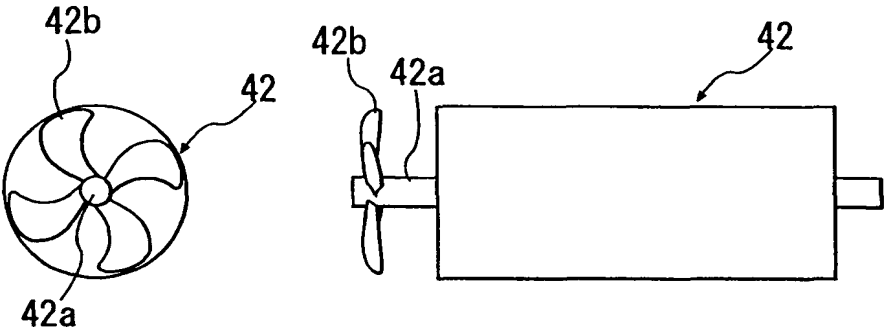


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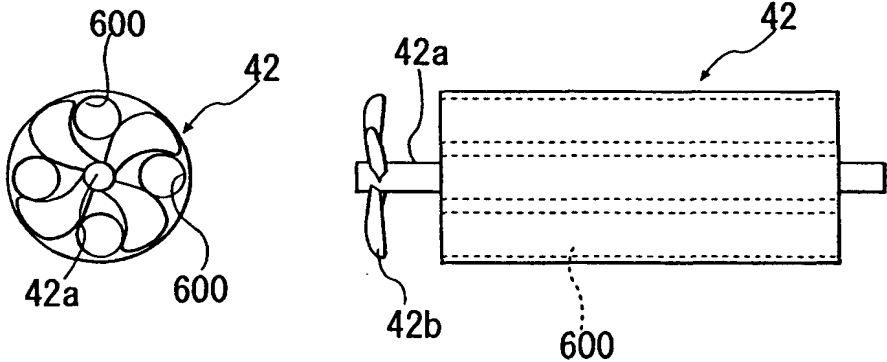


FIG. 3C

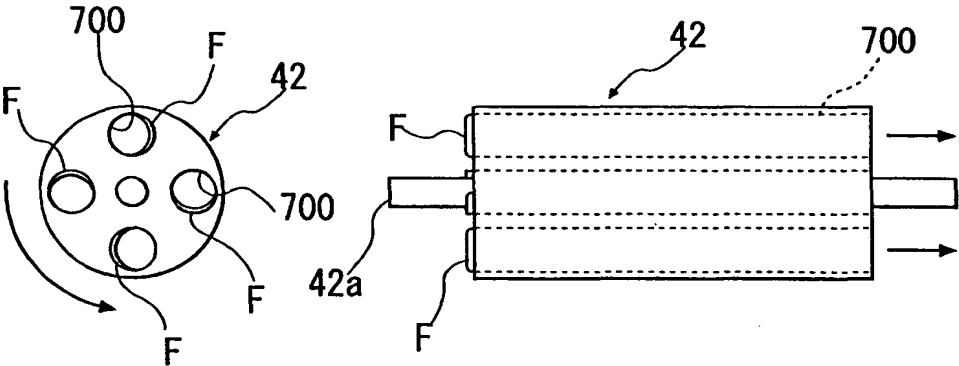


FIG. 4

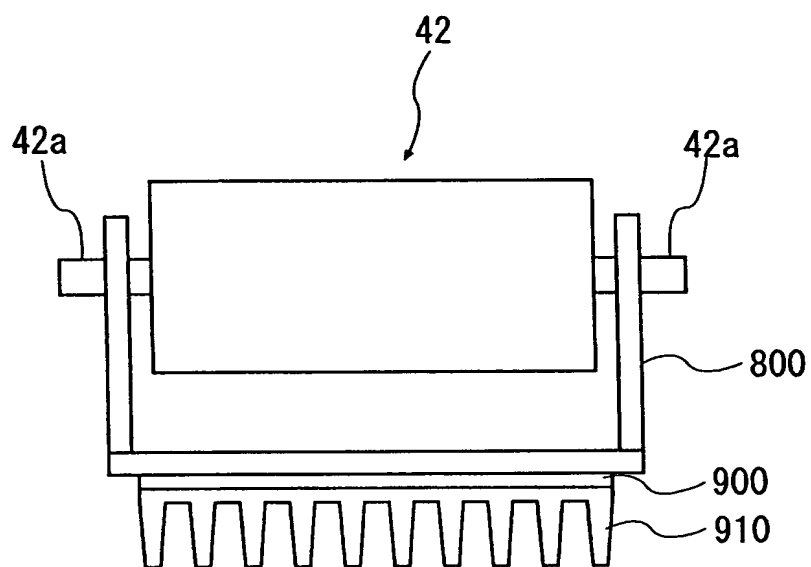


FIG. 5A

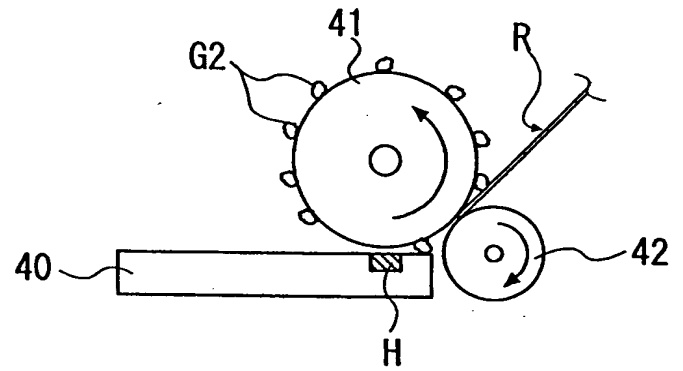


FIG. 5B

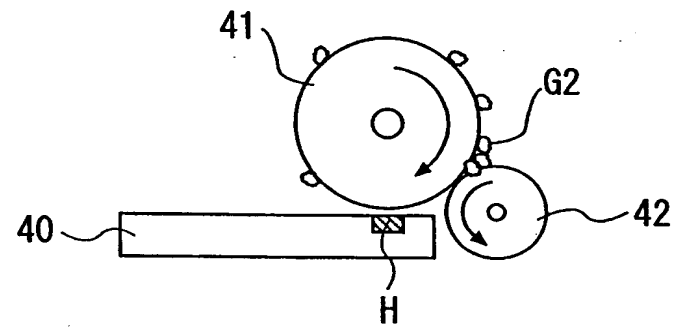


FIG. 5C

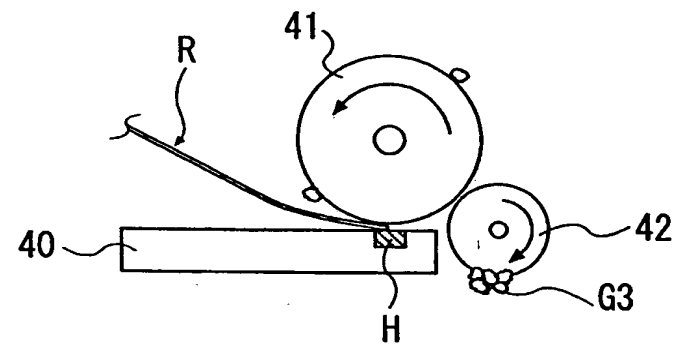
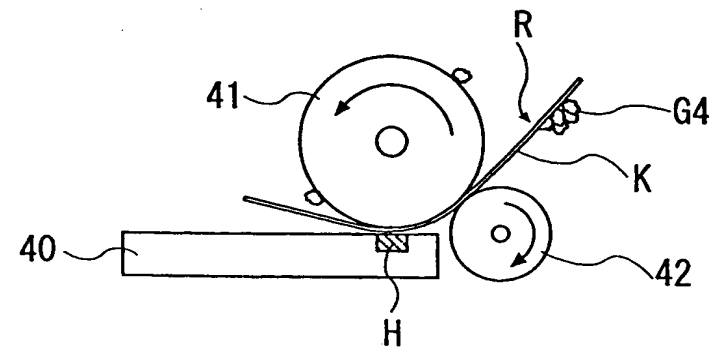


FIG. 5D



Cross-sectional view of a thermal transfer sheet 100. The sheet consists of four layers: a COLOR PRINTING LAYER (502) at the top, a THERMAL COAT LAYER (501) below it, a BASE PAPER (500) in the middle, and a HEAT SENSITIVE ADHESIVE LAYER (K) at the bottom. A reference numeral R points to the top surface of the color printing layer.

FIG. 8A
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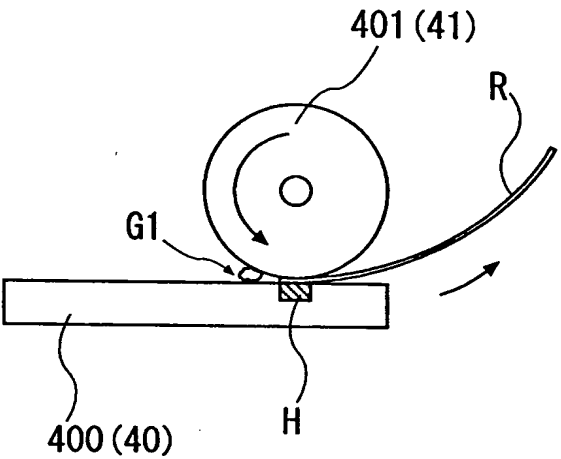


FIG. 8B
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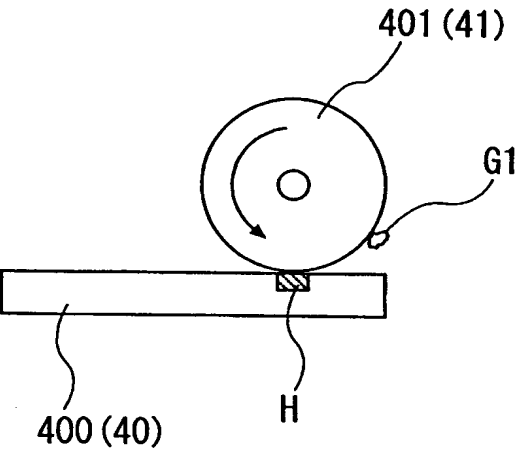


FIG. 8C
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